

REMARKS

The rejection of claim 1 and now independent claim 9 under 35 USC 102 for anticipation by the cited Chow patent, and as it might be applied to new claim 13, is traversed by the inclusion in all of these claims of the limitation to a visually recognizable mechanism having hues in relation to metric or British measurements, for example red for one and blue for the other as described on page 4, lines 24 and 25, of the specification, and levels of the hues relative to dimensions thereof, as described on page 5 of the specification, about line 20, for example. The Chow patent discloses neither. Instead, in the Chow patent, color is used instead for recognizing the direction of a socket wrench, i.e., the rotational mode of the tool, and not its measurement unit or size dimension, as claimed.

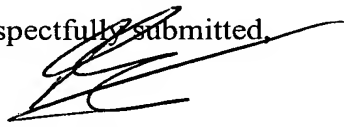
The rejection of claim 1 and now independent claims 5 and 9 under 35 USC 102 for anticipation by the cited Zumeta patent, and as it might be applied to new claim 13, is also traversed by the inclusion in all of these claims of the limitation to a visually recognizable mechanism having hues in relation to metric or British measurements, for example red for one and blue for the other as described on page 4, lines 24 and 25, of the specification. The Zumeta patent does not disclose this. Instead, in the Zumeta patent, different colors are used for recognizing dimensions of wrenches and not the measurement unit of the dimensions, as claimed.

The further limitation of the claims to levels of the measurement-unit-indicating color also distinguishes the claims from the Zumeta patent, because the levels of hues claimed can suggest the size dimension, e.g., the darker the hue level, the bigger the wrench, whereas color cannot, there being only arbitrary color and size correlations as for resistors, for example.

The inventor sensed that there are difficulties in recognizing a series of wrenches having relatively limited differences in size, and therefore create the idea to dispose the recognizing mechanism approximating the head of each wrench by referring the "inclination toward the head" when the user intends to pick up a series of wrenches each coming with a quick reversible switch normally arranged at an area of the head. This significantly avoids the mistake occurring when picking up such a kind of wrench, especially under a dim environment, and thus should be considered inventive over the cited patents.

Reconsideration and allowance are, therefore, requested.

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